

EXHIBIT A

EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

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From: O'Brien, Elizabeth
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 6:18 PM
To: Carol Jean LoCicero; Vysotskaya, Olga
Cc: Mark R. Caramanica; Mike Tadych; beth@smvt.com; Tina Gilley
Subject: RE: CNS Matter

Carol,

I am not aware of any order of the court directing us to do this yet. Additionally, it is premature given that we haven't even responded to the complaint. I'm not sure if the rules are different in Florida, but I have not had the federal courts in North Carolina require this type of meeting this early in litigation.

Also as I think I told you on our call, we are understaffed at the moment and I have multiple deadlines in federal cases (including this one) in the next few weeks, including responses to two Motions to Preliminary Injunction, a response to Motion for Summary Judgment, and at least four other deadlines in federal cases. I also have four state Superior Court hearings in the next two weeks, and several response deadlines in state Superior Court cases.

As this is not an urgent matter, I do not have time to prepare for and discuss a case management schedule in this case at this time. My schedule should settle down some mid to late August.

Finally to complicate matters, when I came back from vacation I had covid and was ill and quarantined.

I understand you want to do this early in this case, but I'm afraid it is just impossible at this time.

Elizabeth



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Hi, Olga & Elizabeth. We really need to get the basic case management activities handled so we can report to the Court. I'm thinking it might help to get us scheduled if I throw a time out there. Please let us know your availability between 10 and noon on July 19.

Many thanks,
Carol



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Thank you!

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On Jul 10, 2023, at 1:28 PM, Vysotskaya, Olga <OVysotskaya@ncdoj.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Carol:

Elizabeth will take the lead on this and should be able to follow up with you shortly.

Hope it helps,

Olga

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Olga and Elizabeth, can you kindly let us know your availability? Many thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 28, 2023, at 10:42 AM, Carol Jean LoCicero <clocicero@tlolawfirm.com> wrote:

Good morning, all. Just checking in on getting a case management conference on the schedule. Thanks!

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Good morning Carol:

Elizabeth is out on scheduled vacation this week, and will be back next week. I would like to have her included in the discussion about scheduling a case management conference. Let's circle back next week, if that's fine with you.

Best regards,

Olga

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Good morning, Elizabeth & Olga. While I know we're still talking about the issues, we probably need to get the case management conference scheduled. I am copying my assistant, Tina Gilley, to help us do so. If there's someone in your office who you'd like us to coordinate through, just let us know.

Best,
Carol

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